

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

DATE: November 13, 2014

**SUBJECT: Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG)
Evidence-Based Practices (EBP) Training Project,
Approval and Release of Request for Applications (RFA).
Requesting Approval.**

AGENDA ITEM: J

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**ACTION: X
INFORMATION:**

Summary:

This agenda item requests approval and release of the proposed Request for Applications (RFA) for the Evidence-Based Practices (EBP) Training Project, as recommended by the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP) at its October 15, 2014 meeting.

Background:

The Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) is the Designated State Administrative (DSA) agency for the following three federal juvenile justice funding sources: Title II Formula Block Grant Program, Title V Community Prevention Grant Program, and the JABG Program. The SACJJDP aligned the three programs to support California's Title II Three-Year plan. The plan outlines three priority areas; Disproportionate Minority Contact, Evidence-Based Practices (EBP), and strategies to support efforts to develop and strengthen services, programs, and policies that promote positive outcomes for youth, their families, and communities. The legislative mandates associated with the BSCC also direct the Board to support statewide efforts in implementing EBP.

To support the Three-Year plan the SACJJDP approved approximately \$250,000 in discretionary JABG funds to further develop the EBP priority area. On April 22, 2014 the SACJJDP recommended that the BSCC board authorize an Executive Steering Committee to oversee the development of an RFA to identify probation departments that are prepared to receive training that will assist them in implementing or expanding the use of EBP within their local juvenile justice communities. On May 8, 2014 the BSCC board approved the recommendation of the SACJJDP and authorized staff to assemble an ESC for this project.

The ESC for this project includes subject matter experts and is co-chaired by BSCC Board Member Michelle Scray Brown and the SACJJDP Committee Chair, Sandra McBrayer. Funding for the EBP Training Project is intended help fund training for probation staff and their juvenile justice partners and/or community stakeholders to increase skills, competency, and proficiency in implementing effective correctional practices known to reduce recidivism.

Such trainings may include but are not limited to:

- Cognitive-Behavioral Interventions;
- Assessment Tools;
- Case Planning and Management;
- Gender Specific Care;

- Organizational Development;
- Continuous Quality Improvement;
- Program Evaluation;
- Juvenile Brain Development;
- Trauma Informed Care; and
- Data Sharing.

A total of approximately \$250,000 in federal JABG funding is available statewide. It is anticipated that the 14 month project cycle will begin on May 1, 2015 and end on June 30, 2016. Probation departments will be allowed to request up to a maximum of:

- \$5,000 for a small-sized county;
- \$10,000 for a medium-sized county; and
- \$20,000 for a large-sized county.

RFA Activities and Tentative Timeline:

The tentative timeline below details the release of the RFA, rating activities, and award recommendations:

ACTIVITY	TENTATIVE TIMELINE
Present the RFA to the SACJJDP for approval	10/15/14
Present the RFA for BSCC approval	11/13/14
Release of RFP to the field	11/14/14
RFP due to BSCC	1/21/15
BSCC staff technical review of proposals completed	1/29/15
ESC rating of proposals completed	2/24/15
ESC convened to finalize rating	3/5/15
Present funding recommendations to the SACJJDP	3/18/15
Present funding recommendations to the BSCC	4/9/15
Project period begins	5/1/15
Project period ends	6/30/16

Recommendation/Action Needed:

Approve and release the proposed Request for Applications for the Evidence-Based Practices Training Project, as recommended by the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Attachment:

- A. Final Draft of the Evidence-Based Practices (EBP) Training Project Request for Applications.